



Lieutenant Colonel John W. Reynolds
Commander - 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment

Lt. Col. John W. Reynolds, the incoming commander, was born abroad in West Germany and grew up as an Army Brat attending Department of Defense schools in Germany until graduating from Hanau High School in 1985. He left Germany to attend West Point and graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1989 and was commissioned an Infantry Officer. He was sent to Fort Benning, Ga. and attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Bradley Commander's Course, Airborne School, and Ranger School.

His first assignment was to the 3rd Armored Division in Friedberg, Germany from 1990 to 1992, where he served as Platoon Leader and Executive Officer during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Following his tour in Germany, Lt. Col. Reynolds was assigned to Fort Drum, N.Y. from 1992 to 1994, where he served in the 10th Mountain Division as a Company Executive Officer for B Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment during combat operations in Mogadishu, Somalia. After attending the Infantry Advanced Course, he was assigned to Schweinfurt, Germany from 1994 to 1998 in 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division where he served as the Brigade Adjutant and eventually 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division as the Brigade Assistant Operations Officer. He commanded C Company, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment for one year in Schweinfurt, Bosnia and Macedonia. He then commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment for over a year. Following company command, he served as an Observer Controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La.

After attending the Command and General Staff College and the School of Advance Military Studies from 2001 to 2003, Lt. Col. Reynolds was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division in Germany as a Division Operations Planner from 2003 to 2004 including the Division's deployment to Iraq in Feb. 2004. In July 2004, Lt. Col. Reynolds assumed duties as the Executive Officer for 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment in Muchtidiyah, 60 km north of Baqubah and served as the Task Force Operations Officer during Operation Phantom Fury in Fallujah. Upon his return, from his deployment to Iraq, Lt. Col. Reynolds was assigned as the Battalion Executive Officer for the Blue Spaders (1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment) and was second in command to Lt. Col. Eric Schacht. Lt. Col. Reynolds then assumed duties as the Brigade Executive Officer for the Dagger Brigade Combat Team and prepared the Brigade for its second deployment to Iraq.

Lt. Col. Reynolds has earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the USMA. He has also earned Master's Degrees in Business Management, Political Science and History.

His awards include the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), the

National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Star, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the United Nations Medal, the NATO Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait), the Combat Infantryman's Badge (2nd Award), the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Air Assault Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Ranger Tab.